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SUBJECT: VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROPOSAL

1. AT FEBRUARY JOINT COMMISSION MEETING SAUDI DELEGATION RESPONDED TO U.S. VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROPOSAL WITH REQUESTS EMPHASIZING FOLLOWING: (A) STRENGTHENING AND EXPANDING SAUDI ARABIAN VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTERS; (B) PROMOTING SKILLS TRAINING IN INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND, (C) PROVIDING BASIC AND ADVANCED VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR LARGE NUMBERS OF SAUDI CITIZENS IN U.S.

2. SAUDI DELEGATES AL-FAYEZ AND AL-DHALAAN IN LATER MEETING WITH LABOR AND HEW OFFICIALS DESCRIBED IN DETAIL KINDS OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING ASSISTANCE DESIRED BY SAG MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS. IN ADDITION TO KINDS OF EXPERTS DESIRED, DEPMIN AL-FAYEZ STRESSED NEED FOR ASSISTANCE IN CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING NEW CENTERS, EXPANDING EXISTING ONES AND ARRANGING TRAINING IN U.S. FOR VTC

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GRADUATES.

3. LABOR WAS ASKED TO PREPARE PROPOSAL FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. COPIES OF THIS PROPOSAL "SUBMISSION OF PRE-LIMINARY PROPOSAL FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN EXPANDING AND UPGRADING THE OUTPUT OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOR'S

VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTERS, SAUDI ARABIA" ARE BEING HAND CARRIED BY BOWDEN-TREASURY FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SOLAIM AND AL-FAYEZ.

4. TO EXPEDITE IMPLEMENTATION, LABOR PROPOSES A THREE-MEMBER TEAM VISIT RIYADH WITHIN TWO WEEKS FOLLOWING FUNDING FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS TO PREPARE, IN CONSULTATION WITH SAG OFFICIALS, AN ACTION PLAN TO INCLUDE (A) AGREED UPON PROGRAM ELEMENTS; (B) PRIORITIES; (C) PHASING; (D) U.S. AND SAUDI STAFFING, AND, (E) COST ESTIMATES.

5. PROPOSED TEAM MEMBERS ARE:
MR. RICHARD MCGUERTY - MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT ADVISER (INT'L); DEPARTMENT OF LABOR INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CORPS; (TEAM LEADER-ALSO HEADED PREVIOUS VOCATIONAL TRAINING TEAM TO SAUDI ARABIA) - AREAS OF SPECIAL EXPERTISE - MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT, VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

MR. FRANK DIMATTEO - ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ENGINEERING, AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (ON TEMPORARY LOAN TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR) - DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS, GENERAL HEAVY CONSTRUCTION.

MR. WILLIAM E. MORROW - REGIONAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR, DIVISION OF OVERSEAS COOPERATION, BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL LABOR AFFAIRS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR - PROJECT PLANNING AND COSTING, ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT.

6. ESTIMATED COST OF PROPOSED TEAM FOLLOWS: INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND PER DIEM DOLS 8,490; IN COUNTRY TRAVEL (ESTIMATED) DOLS 1,000; SALARY AND PERSONNEL BENEFITS (THREE WEEKS IN SAUDI ARABIA; ONE WEEK PRE-PLANNING AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ONE WEEK FOLLOW-UP) DOLS 11,860; OVERHEAD OF 40 PERCENT DOLS 8,540. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT ANY INCREASE IN PER DIEM RATES WILL NECESSITATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS. ANY OVER-ESTIMATE OF ACTUAL EXPENSES WILL, OF COURSE, BE REIMBURSED TO THE SAG.

7. IF APPROVED, REQUEST SAG FORWARD A CHECK FOR DOLS 29,890 VIA EMBASSY TO DEPUTY FOR SAUDI ARABIAN AFFAIRS,

TREASURY. CHECK SHOULD BE EARMARKED FOR SAUDI ARABIAN

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8. AFTER TEAM VISIT, LABOR PREPARED MAKE MCGUERTY AVAIL-
ABLE ON TDY BASIS FOR SAUDI PROJECT. ESTIMATED TOTAL COST

FOR FIRST SIX MONTHS INCLUDING SALARY, PERSONNEL BENEFITS,
THREE ROUND TRIPS TO SAUDI ARABIA, PER DIEM, INTERNATIONAL
AND IN COUNTRY TRAVEL AND OVERHEAD DOLS 55,450. SUGGEST
MCGUERTY AVAILABILITY BE DISCUSSED BY BOWDEN TEAM WITH
SAG. INGERSOLL

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